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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/533,999	Applicant(s) MICHEL ET AL.
	Examiner AMINA KHAN	Art Unit 1796

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-8 and 15-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 9-14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/146/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 31, 2008 has been entered.
2. Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 4-8 and 15-19 are withdrawn from consideration due to a non-elected invention.
3. Claims 1-3 and 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Machtold et al. (US 5,061,585) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.
4. Claims 1-3,9,13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Schafer et al. (US 3,652,602) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.

5. Claims 1-3 and 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Metz et al. (US 6,168,895) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed regarding Machtold, Schafer and Metz have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In applicant's declaration dated October 31, the applicant provided unexpected results for the dyes of example 9 of Schafer et al. which are not the instantly claimed dyes. These dyes comprise fluoro groups and not methyl substituents as the dyes instantly claimed. Furthermore, Schafer et al. clearly teach the aniline is distilled off in *vacuo* (column 3, lines 70-75). Also applicant alleges that Machtold et al. teach the dyes of their invention are prepared as described in German Patent 1,919,724 and Schafer US 3,652,602 is the equivalent of the German Patent. The Schafer document is not the US equivalent of GB 1,919,724. The dyes cited in the German Patent differ from those instantly claimed in that they have a double bonded nitrogen. Regarding Metz et al., these dyes are based on those of Machtold et al. thus the same arguments for Machtold et al. apply to Metz et al. Accordingly, the rejections as relied upon above are maintained.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMINA KHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-5573. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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